

## CHAMBER HAS NOT GIVEN UP THE FIGHT

President Powell Still Hopes to See Quarantine Burden Eliminated.

## ROMSDAL INCIDENT TO BE USED AS EVIDENCE

Double Inspection of Vessel Coming from Baltimore Illustrates Handicap Placed Upon Local Shipping to Provide Fees for State Officer—Dr. Creasy's Diagnosis.

President W. Lee Powell of the Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that the chamber has not given up its fight for further changes in the quarantine regulations governing this port and that the committee on port charges and usages is still at work on the matter. When the committee presented Governor Mann with the resolution adopted by the chamber and asking that all ships which have either been inspected or admitted by the federal quarantine officers at Old Point be exempt from inspection by the State quarantine officer, the governor stated that he would have to investigate the matter, but that in the meantime he would give this port the same regulations as those adopted by the quarantine commissioners at Norfolk.

Last week Governor Mann promulgated the same rules for this port as were adopted by the Norfolk commissioners and the new rules became effective at both ports last Tuesday. The governor has not yet notified the chamber as to his intention regarding the request for further modifications in the rules and President Powell assumes that he has not yet concluded his investigation.

**Another Argument To Use.**  
There was no meeting of the committee of the chamber yesterday to set upon the matter of the inspection of the Norwegian steamer Romsdal, which arrived here Thursday from Baltimore. However, the committee has taken cognizance of the matter and this will be used as a further argument before the governor in support of the chamber's contention for further changes in the quarantine regulations.

Norfolk's business and shipping interests also have discovered that there is a "loophole" in the regulations adopted by the Norfolk commissioners and the quarantine matter is again being agitated in that city. Further changes in the rules will be asked for and they probably will be secured. The rules made by the governor for this port are identical with those adopted at Norfolk and all vessels which arrive at either port with any cases of "sickness" on board must hoist the yellow flag and be inspected by the State quarantine officer.

**Skippers Won't Take Chances.**  
The pilots which bring the vessels into port show the quarantine rules to the captains of those vessels and the captains decide whether or not they have any cases of "sickness" aboard. As most any kind of an ailment can be construed as "sickness" and as a fine of \$500 and a jail sentence of from one to six months is provided for any captain who violates the quarantine rules, the incoming skippers are not likely to take any chances of incurring either the fine or the jail sentence.

Dr. W. F. Creasy, the quarantine officer here, yesterday certified to R. R. Blood, agent for the Norwegian steamer Romsdal, which was inspected Thursday, that the first officer of that ship was suffering with malaria when the vessel arrived in port. Captain Nelson, of the steamer, certified that the latter was correct in so far as he knew.

**Captain's Statement.**  
In an interview with a Daily Press reporter Thursday night, Captain Nelson stated that the first officer of the ship got drunk while in Baltimore and that he had an injured hand. He stated that the mate had not been ill, but that he was ailing on account of his "spree" in Baltimore.

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## SOCIAL-PERSONAL

Mrs. Willard Bailey entertained at bridge whist at her home in North End yesterday afternoon. Among those playing were: Mesdames W. W. Harwood, Edloe Morecock, Edward J. Patton, J. Kennedy Coras, Clarence W. Robinson, J. Winston Read, John Mattingly, O. D. Batchelor, A. L. Hopkins, A. C. Jones, Harold Norton, H. E. Parker, D. S. Jones, J. L. Patton, S. MacDowell, John Lofland, Charles Bartlett, R. T. Styll and Frank Bragg; Misses Jarvis, Addie New, Mordecai, and Lillie Harrison.

The Booklovers' Club was entertained by Mrs. Willard Bailey this week at her home in North End. Those attending were: Mesdames J. L. S. Cooke, Hampton, C. Dean, of Washington, D. C., Frederick Palen, Charles Bartlett, Godfrey Smith, R. T. Styll, Wayne Dimm, Thomas Stearnes, S. MacDowell, J. A. Hayes, John Lofland, Lane Lucy E. Roberts, H. B. Holmes, Holmes McMurran, G. B. A. Booker, W. B. Livezey, A. L. Cornbrook, Cecil Cornelius and Miss Mordecai. Mrs. MacDowell was awarded the club prize; Mrs. Godfrey Smith, the guest prize, and Mrs. J. A. Hayes received the consolation.

Miss Edna Curtis, who has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Virgie Curtis, on Twenty-eighth street, has returned to her home in Lee Hall.

Mrs. Charles E. McCallum, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Falconer, on Thirty-fourth street.

Mr. E. McD. Gemmell will leave tomorrow for New York, where on Wednesday he will sail on the Cunard liner Lusitania for Liverpool. He will spend several months at his old home in the highlands of Scotland.

Mr. William Blanford, on Thirty-second street, has as his guest, Mr. David Blanford and daughter, Miss Ailie, of Buckingham county.

The Misses Armond on Twenty-ninth street have as their guest, their cousin, Miss Roberta Armond, of Lynchburg.

Miss Lottie Peyton, who has been visiting in Roanoke and Lynchburg, has returned to her home in this city.

Mrs. J. A. Islin has returned from Portsmouth, where she was called by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Phillip Richards, on Twenty-seventh street, has as her guest, her sister, Miss Grace Clayton, of Richmond.

Miss Grace Dunn has returned from Bluefield, W. Va., where she visited relatives. Miss Alice Rierdon accompanied her and will spend two weeks as her guest in this city.

Mr. John Fulcher 226 Forty-seventh street, has as his guest, his brother, Mr. Sullivan Fulcher, of Newberne, N. C.

Miss Gertrude Robertson has returned from a visit to relatives in Roanoke and Lynchburg.

The Misses Mooney, on Jefferson avenue, have as their guest, their cousin, Miss Alice Mooney, of Richmond.

Mrs. R. W. Wilson on Twenty-seventh street, has as her guest, Miss Josephine Pace, of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. W. P. Wash left yesterday for her home in Roanoke, after spending several weeks with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. W. M. Lewis, of Petersburg, is visiting Mrs. George E. Via, on Twenty-seventh street.

Mr. Howard Pennybacker, of Baltimore, is the guest of his brother, Mr. S. S. Pennybacker.

## CARNIVAL CLOSES TODAY.

Big Crowd Expected to Turn Out for Farewell Performances.

The carnival which has been held at the Casino this week for the benefit of the LaFrance Engine Company No. 2, the East End volunteer fire company, will close tonight. Large crowds have gathered at the carnival every night and the firemen expect to reap a handsome profit from the show. The council is expected to refund the amount of the license tax which the fire company has paid to the city for the carnival. This tax totals something like \$325 for the week.

## BEVERLY HOTEL CLOSED.

A. T. Moore Will Devote His Time to One House.

A. T. Moore, formerly manager of the Warwick hotel, but who left here several months ago to manage the Hotel Beverley and Virginia at Staunton, Va., has closed the former house for the season. No reason for the closing of the hotel is given other than the falling off of business. Mr. Moore will devote all of his time to the management of the Hotel Virginia.

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## REPORT OF GRADING BOARD DISTURBING

School Trustees Disagree on Question of Salaries to Be Paid.

## NEW SYSTEM SWELLS TOTAL OF PAY ROLL

Recommendations as to All Teachers Except Two Are Adopted After Much Discussion—"Retrenchment" Is Suggested, But Knotty Problem Goes Over Until Later.

In one of the most turbulent meetings it has held in many months, the board of school trustees last night disposed of all except two of the recommendations of the grading board on the grading of the teachers who have been elected in the city public primary and grammar schools for the next session. The trustees were in session two and one-half hours. Two hours of that time were spent in acrimonious debate and the other half hour was devoted to the transaction of business. G. Albert Lenz opposed every recommendation made by the grading board and Col. E. W. Huffman made vigorous assaults upon some of the recommendations.

Following a very lengthy and exceedingly warm debate, the board tentatively passed by the grading of Mrs. Nannie P. Caldwell and Miss Salie Corbell. The grading board recommended that Mrs. Caldwell be graded B, which grade carries with it a salary of \$55. Mrs. Caldwell received \$40 this session and Col. Huffman strenuously opposed the increase of \$15 per month and moved that she be graded D, at a salary of \$45.

**"Stabbing Her in Back."**  
Mr. Batchelor made a vigorous speech in support of the recommendation of the board. He declared that any effort of the trustees to lower Mrs. Caldwell's grading was decidedly unfair. Turning to Col. Huffman, Mr. Batchelor declared that the colonel was stabbing Mrs. Caldwell in the back by his effort to take away from her a grading which she had won by hard work and by merit.

J. P. Harrison also made a strong address in opposition to making any change in the recommendation of the grading board. He declared that if the trustees were to sit in judgment upon the merits of the teachers after the grading board, which is composed of paid experts to determine their merit, had passed upon them then the board had better abolish the merit system of arriving at the salaries of the teachers.

**Objected to Increase.**  
Col. Huffman declared that he did not think the grading board had graded Mrs. Caldwell on her merit as in his judgment she was not a grade B teacher. He also contended that the trustees had a perfect right to overthrow the report of the grading board and tear it to pieces if they saw fit to do so. He said that he had no objection to grading Mrs. Caldwell in grade B, provided her salary was fixed at \$45.

After some further discussion, the board voted down a substitute motion offered by Mr. Batchelor that the report of the grading board on Mrs. Caldwell be adopted and Col. Huffman's original motion that she be graded D was taken up. That was lost, six to three, Messrs. Huffman, Lenz and Richardson voting for it. It was then decided to pass Mrs. Caldwell's grading for the present.

**Would Change Rules.**  
Col. Huffman wanted to grade her at B and fix her salary at \$45, but the chairman ruled that he could not do this. Col. Huffman then gave notice that he would at a subsequent meeting of the board move to amend the rules so that it would be possible for the board make a teacher's salary lower than that carried by the grade into which she is placed by the grading board.

The grading of the following teachers who have been elected for next session was recommended by the grading board and adopted by the trustees:

Central Grammar School.  
Miss Sarah Hogg, grade A.  
Mrs. Jessie Moore, grade B.  
Miss Hazel Thompson, grade B.  
Miss Ella Hahn, grade B.  
Miss Mabel Moran, grade B.  
Miss Annie Winfield, grade C.  
Miss Helen McWhorter, grade C.  
Miss Fannie Wilcox, grade C.  
Miss Hattie J. Kelly, grade C.  
Miss Stella Desmond, grade C.  
Twenty-eighth Street School.  
Miss Claudia Perkins, grade B.  
Miss Minnie Bargamin, grade B.  
Miss Ida Hassell, grade C.  
Miss Mae Marshall, grade B.  
Miss Ethel Topping, grade B.  
Second Ward.  
Miss Minnie C. Taylor, grade B.  
Miss Lucy Moss, grade D.  
Miss Genevieve Ball, grade C.  
Miss Josephine Baker, grade D.  
Twenty-fourth Street School.  
Miss Blanche Webb, grade A.  
Miss Attie Kennon, grade B.  
Miss Lily Saunders, grade B.

Miss Lois Leonard, grade C.  
Miss Sallie Fenner, grade B.  
Miss Clara Smith, grade C.  
Miss Annie Perkins, grade D.  
North End School.

Miss Emily Llewellyn, grade B.  
Miss Hesse B. Hamby, grade C.  
Miss Virgie Bennett, grade D.  
Miss Nannie Clements, grade C.  
Miss Ruth Blanton, grade B.  
Colored School No. 1.

J. S. Lee, principal, same salary.  
Emily Thomas, grade B.  
Ella Brooks, grade C.  
Annie Jackson, grade D.  
Blanche Tallafiero, grade B.  
Isabella Taylor, grade B.  
Esther Johnson, grade C.  
Elcora Faulk, grade C.  
Lucille Holt, grade C.

Colored School No. 2.  
N. B. Clarke, principal, same salary.  
Zelma Harris, grade B.  
Laura Fultz, grade B.  
Ella Hawes, grade D.

Colored School No. 3.  
L. M. Brown, grade C.  
Mary Tallafiero, grade C.

**How Salaries Are Fixed.**  
Under the rules of the board the salaries for the white teachers are graded as follows: Grade A teachers, \$55; grade B teachers, \$50; grade C teachers, \$45; grade D teachers, \$40. The salaries for the colored teachers are fixed as follows: Grade A and grade B teachers, \$45; grade C teachers, \$40; grade D teachers, \$35; grade E teachers, \$30.

Immediately after the board was called to order, the trustees reconsidered their former action in dropping Miss Josephine Baker and elected her as a teacher for next session.

An effort was made to re-elect Miss Nellie Kerlin as supervisor of the primary department, but after a rather lengthy discussion, President Puckett ruled that the board had refused to elect Miss Kerlin to this post at its last meeting and that, therefore, it would not be taken up at this meeting.

**"The Poor Old Janitors."**

The matter of the fixing of the salaries of the principals, supervisors and high school teachers was next taken up. Before the board has proceeded far, Mr. Lenz wanted to know where the board proposed to begin the retrenching for next session. He said that the trustees had promised the council that it would retrench and that he could not vote for any increases of salaries. He said that he supposed the board wanted to cut down the salaries of "the poor old janitors" so as to give the increases to the teachers and that he was opposed to it.

Col. Huffman argued for some of the increases in the salaries of the teachers and Mr. Batchelor made a strong address in favor of rewarding the merits of the teachers.

**Salary Is Increased.**

Following some further discussion of the matter, the board decided to make no increase in the salary of D. A. Dutrow, principal of the High school and Central grammar school. An increase of \$10 a month was made in the salary of Charles A. Taylor, one of the High school teachers. Col. Huffman argued for this increase, declaring that Mr. Taylor not only is a valuable man in the school room, but that he also is valuable outside of it as he is a very manly man and encourages athletics which has a tendency to keep the boys in the High school. Mr. Batchelor also spoke in favor of the increase, declaring that the board should not lose the services of so valuable a man.

Another spirited debate arose over the matter of fixing the salary of Miss Emma MacVicar, principal of the new Second ward school. Mr. Huffman was opposed to giving her the same salary as the other principals receive because she does not have as many rooms as the other principals. This matter was passed by and the salaries of the other principals were fixed at \$85 per month, the same as they are receiving now.

**More Increases Made.**  
The salaries of J. G. Vizer and Mrs. Clara Whissen, of the High school faculty, were not fixed. No changes were made in the salaries of the other High school teachers. An increase of \$10 a month was made in the salary of Miss Ella Hayes, supervisor of music, and Mrs. Fred Barrett's salary as domestic science teacher was increased \$2.50 per month. An increase of \$5 a month also was made in the salary of Miss Gertrude Loomis, teacher of the business course in the High school. Miss Blackman, who has been acting as secretary to the superintendent was elected a substitute teacher at a salary of \$25 per month.

Several additional teachers are to be elected by the board for next session and their election will come up at the regular meeting of the board on June 14.

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